# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA KIM COOK, )

Plaintiff

v.

Case No.:

CHASE BANK,

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR

JURY TRIAL

Defendant

#### **COMPLAINT**

KIM COOK ("Plaintiff"), by and through her attorneys, KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C., alleges the following against CHASE BANK ("Defendant"):

#### INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227, et seq.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1331 which grants this court original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the laws of the United States.
- 3. Defendant conducts business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and as such, personal jurisdiction is established.
  - 4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2).

#### **PARTIES**

- 5. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19142.
  - 6. Plaintiff is a "person" as that term is defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).
- 7. Defendant is a business entity with an address of: 200 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503.
- 8. Defendant is a "person" as that term is defined by 47 U.S.C. §153(39).
- 9. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 10. Plaintiff has a cellular telephone number that she has had for more than one year.
  - 11. Plaintiff has only used this number as a cellular telephone number.
- 12. The phone number has been assigned to a cellular telephone service for which Plaintiff incurs a charge for incoming calls.
- 13. Plaintiff never gave Defendant permission to call her cellular telephone.
  - 14. Plaintiff never furnished Defendant with her cell number and never

authorized Defendant to call her.

- 15. Beginning in March 2015, Defendant repeatedly called Plaintiff on her cellular telephone.
- 16. Plaintiff knew it was Defendant calling because its number appeared on her caller id.
- 17. When calling Plaintiff, Defendant used an automatic telephone dialing system and/or artificial or pre-recorded messages.
  - 18. In March 2015, Plaintiff told Defendant to stop calling her.
- 19. Although Defendant heard and acknowledged Plaintiff's request to stop calling her cellular telephone, the calls continued.
  - 20. Defendant's calls were not made for emergency purposes.

## DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

#### **COUNT I**

- 21. Plaintiff incorporates the forgoing paragraphs as though the same were set forth at length herein.
- 22. Defendant initiated multiple telephone calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone using an automatic or "predictive" dialing system.
  - 23. The calls were made using an artificial or pre-recorded voice.
  - 24. Defendant's calls to Plaintiff were not made for emergency purposes.

- 25. Plaintiff never gave Defendant express prior consent to place automated or pre-recorded calls to her cellular telephone.
- 26. Defendant's acts as described above were done with malicious, intentional, willful, reckless, wanton and negligent disregard for Plaintiff's rights under the law and with the purpose of harassing Plaintiff.
- 27. The acts and/or omissions of Defendant were done unfairly, unlawfully, intentionally, deceptively and fraudulently and absent bona fide error, lawful right, legal defense, legal justification or legal excuse.
- 28. As a result of the above violations of the TCPA, Plaintiff has suffered the losses and damages as set forth above entitling Plaintiff to an award of statutory, actual and trebles damages.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, KIM COOK, respectfully prays for a judgment as follows:

- a. All actual damages suffered pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(A);
- b. Statutory damages of \$500.00 per telephone call pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B);

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1	c.	Treble damages of \$1,500.00 per telephone call pursuant to 4
2		U.S.C. §227(b)(3);
3	d.	Injunctive relief pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3);
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5	e.	Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.
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7	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL	
8	PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, KIM COOK, demands a jury trial i	
9	this case.	
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12		RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
13	D . 2/5/2016	
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